



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

275 Franklin Street

Site No. C915208

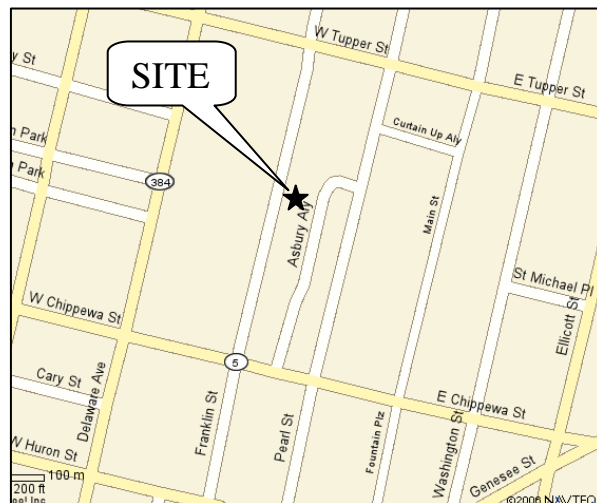
City of Buffalo, Erie County

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Environmental Investigation Report on the 275 Franklin Street Site Available for Public Review

The results of an environmental investigation conducted at the 275 Franklin Street Site in Buffalo, Erie County are available for public review. These results have been summarized in a draft report, called a Remedial Investigation (RI) Report, submitted by the Buffalo Development Corporation to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The draft RI Report is available for public review at the locations (document repositories) identified at the end of this fact sheet.

NYSDEC previously accepted an application submitted by Buffalo Development Corporation to participate in the BCP. The applicant proposes to clean up and develop the site for commercial purposes.



Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses include recreation, housing and business.

A **brownfield** is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the BCP, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report

The draft RI Report:

- 1) Describes the investigation activities completed;
- 2) Defines the nature and extent of contamination at the brownfield site; and
- 3) Indicates that remediation is required. "*Remediation*" means all necessary actions to address any known or suspected contamination associated with the site.

The RI report explains that the site investigation involved soil sampling, monitoring well installation, groundwater sampling, and soil vapor analysis. The results revealed chlorinated solvents commonly used by dry cleaners (tetrachloroethylene or PCE) in soils and

groundwater. In addition, the RI revealed that PCE in groundwater is migrating offsite at levels up to 18 parts per million (ppm). The groundwater standard for PCE is 0.005 ppm.

Background

The BCP site consists of two parcels that have been used for various purposes since the late 1800s. 275-277 Franklin Street contained a structure that was used for dry cleaning from approximately 1951 until 2000. The building on the parcel was demolished in 2005 and paved over to be used as a surface parking lot. 279 Franklin Street was used for residential purposes from the late 1800s through the 1950s and as a

parking lot from the early 1980s to the present. The BCP parcels currently do not contain any structures.

Next Steps

NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have determined that the 275 Franklin Street site poses a significant threat to human health and the environment because of offsite migration of PCE in groundwater and because of the potential for vapor intrusion into nearby offsite buildings. Consequently, investigation of offsite areas to further determine the extent of the contamination is required.

Buffalo Development Corporation is currently working on an Alternative Analysis Report (AAR) to evaluate a number of possible clean up actions that address onsite contamination.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and remediation of the 275 Franklin Street site through fact sheets similar to this one.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Document Repository

Document repositories have been established at the following location to help the public review important project documents. These documents include the RI Report and the application to participate in the BCP.

Erie County Public Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, New York 14203
Phone: (716) 858-8900
Hours: M-F 8:30 am – 6 pm
Sun. 1-5 (closed Sundays in summer)

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